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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 2433

E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: DAYAN DISCUSSES ISRAELI AID TO ETHIOPIA

REF.: TEL AVIV 1799

1. FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN REPLIED IN THE KNESSET FEB 22
TO QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS HAVING DISCLOSED ISRAELI AID TO
ETHIOPIA DURING A TELEVISION INTERVIEW IN ZURICH TWO WEEKS
AGO. DAYAN'S ANSWER WAS SHORT (AND IN THE OPINION OF MOST
OBSERVERS RATHER WEAK). HE SAID SIMPLY THAT HE HAD MADE THE
STATEMENT IN ORDER TO COUNTERACT WIDESPREAD CREDIBILITY
BEING GIVEN TO JOURNALISTS' EXAGGERATED REPORTS
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REGARDING ISRAELI ARMS DELIVERIES TO ETHIOPIA. HE WAS
RESPONDING TO A MOTION SUBMITTED BY LABOR MK SARID ON THE
SUBJECT. SARID AND PA'IL (SHELLI) WERE VERY CRITICAL OF
DAYAN FOR HIS STATEMENT, THE LATTER PARTICULARLY SO--REFERRING
TO DAYAN'S SENILITY AS POSSIBLY THE ONLY EXPLANATION.
FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSION THE SARID MOTION WAS DEFEATED ALONG
PARTY LINES WITH ONLY THE LABOR PARTY, PLUS NOFF OF THE DMC

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AND HAUSNER OF THE ILP VOTING WITH THE OPPOSITION.

2. COMMENT: WE WERE TOLD IN CONFIDENCE LATER BY ANOTHER LABOR MEMBER THAT SARID HAD USED POOR TACTICS IN PRESENTING HIS MOTION. HE HAD ALSO CRITICIZED DAYAN FOR HIS RECENT US TRIP AND DAYAN CONCENTRATED ON THAT ASPECT OF SARID'S REMARKS IN HIS REPLY AND WAS THUS ABLE TO DEFLECT THE CRITICISM OF HIS STATEMENT ON ETHIOPIA. THE PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE, THEREFORE, WAS AN INACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE DISQUIET WHICH A LARGE NUMBER OF MKS FEEL ABOUT DAYAN'S DISCLOSURE. LEWIS

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